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(C) Pol/Econ Chief February 26 delivered reftel demarche concerning the IAEA report on Iranian compliance with UNSCR 1737 to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho had already reviewed the IAEA report and agreed with the conclusion that Iran was not in compliance with UNSCR requirements. He understood that that the P5 1 was meeting in London to discuss next steps and he was interested in any readout the USG could provide. Echoing earlier requests that he and other officials had made, he said the GOB was interested in reviewing the incentives package provided to Iran. The GCC would have a strong interest in understanding any discussion of political and strategic issues in the package.

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